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WASATCH COUNTY HOSPITAL

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WASATCH COUNTY HOME HEALTH AGENCY

OVERVIEW OF HOME HEALTH

What is Home Health: Health care that is delivered in the home of the patients. Treating the whole life span from birth through old age and death. Services rendered are for acute illness, chronic illness, disability or terminal illness and assessment for home health.

Purpose: To add to the health care team, in an effort to meet the needs of a selected clientele that live within the counties we serve.

Who Qualifies: Generally speaking, the client needs to be 1) home bound (can visit physician or leave home with assistance), 2) skilled nursing ordered by physician.

Payment:

1) Medicare	4) Private Parties	7) Social Services
2) Medicaid	5) HMO's	8) Veteran's Admin. 50%
3) Private Insurance	6) Champus	9) Worker Compensation

Referrals to Home Health come from:

1) Physicians	3) Discharge Planners	5) Friends & Neighbors
2) Family	4) Self	6) Church, Civic Organizations

Who Provides Home Care:

1) The physician is always the director of care.		
2) Registered Nurse	6) Speech Therapist	10) Dietition
3) Master of Social Work	7) Respiratory Therapist	11) Hospice
4) Physical Therapy	8) Homemaker	12) Family
5) Occupational Therapy	9) Personal Care Aides	

Patient Benefits: Home care patients experience few hospital readmissions and emergency situations because continuous professional care allows early detection of complications before they become major health problems. Patients benefit financially because costly inpatient stays are shorter.

Physician Benefits: Physicians benefit from Home Health care because they spend less time coordinating their patient's services and more time attending to acutely ill patients. At the same time, physicians know that their home patients are receiving quality care from professionals who will notify them if any complications are detected.

Hospital, Community, Service-Area Benefits: Our expanded community involvement and central management will allow us to offer more community health education services.

Why is Home Health so Important:

- 1) Clients can sleep as late as they please or need to.
- 2) They can eat home cooked meals.
- 3) They can wear any type of clothing they choose.
- 4) They sleep in their own bed with their own bed clothes.
- 5) They can have their home as warm or as cool as they like.
- 6) They can see their friends when it is most convenient for them.
- 7) There is more privacy in their own home.
- 8) Family may be able to help in their care.
- 9) There is less worry about your family when they are right there.
- 10) Clients may feel more like doing things for themselves.
- 11) Going home gives you a positive feeling and makes you feel better.
- 12) Clients still get individual attention.
- 13) Care is less expensive at home.

Persons to call for referral or more information:

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Dear Health Care Provider:

I've enjoyed my association with you over the last six months. The services rendered are important to the clients and also to the communities as a whole. Home health is such a vital part of the health team; in being a patient advocate and also for continuity of care. This provides the client and the community another option of care.

I have in the last month left my former employment and have embarked on a new assignment full of excitement and opportunity. This opportunity is for myself and for Wasatch, Summit and Duchesne counties.

It is my hope and in my plans that we as a home health agency working with Wasatch County Hospital can provide the highest quality of care to your patients and members of your communities.

Please direct your questions to myself or to Lynne McLean, R.N. at 654-2500 ext. 229.

Thank you for your support,

Kim Van Wagoner, R.N.

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